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SUBJ: GUAYAS GOVERNOR DENOUNCES EXTORTIONISTS

1. GUAYAQUIL PRESS OF OCTOBER 2 AND 3 REPORTS STATEMENT BY GUAYAS MILITARY GOVERNOR RENAN OLMEDO GONZALES DENOUNCING ATTEMPTS BY UNNAMED REVOLUTIONARY GROUP TO BLACKMAIL LOCAL BUSINESSMEN. PRESS REPORTS THAT GOVERNOR STATED THAT SEVERAL LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS HAD RECEIVED LETTERS REQUESTING MONEY TO BE USED FOR PURCHASE OF ARMS TO COMBAT GOE. BUSINESSMEN THREATENED WITH VIOLENCE IF THEY FAILED TO COMPLY. GOVERNOR REQUESTED THAT ANY PERSON RECEIVING SUCH A LETTER SHOULD TURN IT OVER IMMEDIATELY TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

2. CONGEN LOCAL EMPLOYEE RECEIVED COPY OF ONE SUCH LETTER FROM LOCAL BUSINESSMAN. LETTER DATED SEPT. 27, 1973, AND PRINTED ON FEUE (FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS OF ECUADOR) STATIONERY ADDRESSED TO ALBERTO GONZALEZ FERRER, SPANISH NATIONAL, WHO IS ASSISTANT MANAGER OF INDUSTRIAL CONSERVERA DEL GUAYAS. LETTER SENT IN NAME OF COMANDO PATRIA O MUERTE "29 DE MAYO" AND BORE NO SIGNATURE. IT REQUESTED PAYMENT OF 20,000 SUCRES (U.S. \$810) TO BE LEFT AT UNIVERSITY CITY THAT SAME DAY. LETTER STATED THAT 14 OTHER LOCAL BUSINESSMEN HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR LETTERS. MONEY RECEIVED TO BE USED IN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES AGAINST PRESENT GOVERNMENT. GONZALEZ THREATENED WITH DYNAMITE OR LETTER BOMB IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE FAILED TO COMPLY. LETTER ENDED WITH SLOGANS "VIVA LA REVOLUCION"

AND "VIVA EL CHE GUEVARA".

3. COMMENT: CONGEN BELIEVES THAT THUS FAR NO BUSINESSMAN HAS COMPLIED AND THAT NO REPRISALS HAVE BEEN TAKEN. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THESE LETTERS ARE THE WORK OF AN ORGANIZED REVOLUTIONARY GROUP, THE WORK OF A GROUP ATTEMPTING TO DISCREDIT FEUE, OR THE WORK OF A CRANK WITH A TYPEWRITER.

4. GOVERNOR OLMEDO IS TAKING THREAT SERIOUSLY. HAS PROVIDED GONZALEZ WITH POLICE PROTECTION AND SUGGESTED THAT GONZALEZ' WIFE AND FAMILY LEAVE TOWN. AT PRESENT THEY ARE IN QUITO. GONZALEZ RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT PHONE CALL FROM BLACKMAILERS SAYING THAT THEY WOULD TAKE ACTION AGAINST HIM WHEN POLICE TIRED OF PROVIDING PROTECTION.
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